

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

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R 130550Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7385  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJ: SECURITY OFFICER POSITIONS, TEHRAN

REF: STATE 48228

1. NORMAL WORK REQUIREMENTS AT THIS POST ARE SUFFICIENT  
TO JUSTIFY A MINIMUM OF TWO REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS.

2. A THIRD RSO IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A REQUIREMENT  
ALTHOUGH, AT THE PRESENT TIME, ALL THREE RSO'S ARE BEING  
FULLY UTILIZED. THE THIRD RSO SLOT HAS BEEN USEFUL IN  
ENABLING RSO OFFICE TO COPE WITH INCREASING WORKLOAD  
RESULTING FROM SY COORDINATION WITH THE VAST AMERICAN  
BUSINESS COMMUNITY HERE. THIS PROGRAM OF SY COORDINATION  
WITH ABC IS STILL IN THE EXPANSION STAGE AND MANY OF THE  
PROJECTS OF MUTUAL COORDINATION ARE STILL IN THE FORMULATIVE  
STAGE. REDUCTION OF CURRENT RSO STAFF TO TWO RSO'S MIGHT  
RESULT IN CURTAILMENT OR SLOWER DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROGRAM.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, RSO THOMAS' LISTED TOUR IS FOR TWO  
YEARS (8/77-8/79). ASSUME REFERENCE TO END OF TOUR IN 5/78  
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WAS WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED PLANS TO CURTAIL RSO SARTAIN'S  
TOUR (4/77 TO 4/79) TO REFLECT A DIRECT TRANSFER TO ADDIS  
ABABA ON OR ABOUT 5/78.

4. IN SUMMATION, TWO RSO SLOTS HERE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE  
REQUIRED. THE THIRD SLOT IS CONSIDERED TO BE USEFUL AND  
PRODUCTIVE BUT NOT VITAL. THE TWO JUNIOR RSO SLOTS PROVIDE

EXCELLENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW RSO'S IN VIEW OF THE VARIETY AND COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS AND PROJECTS AT THIS POST. IF THIS POST RETAINS THE THIRD RSO SLOT, WHICH IT WOULD PREFER AT PRESENT TIME, BEST UTILIZATION OF THIS SLOT WOULD PROBABLY BE TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE IT FOR WHAT IT IS-- A TRAINING SLOT WITH THE INCUMBENT SCHEDULED FOR A ONE-YEAR TOUR WITH REPLACEMENT AT THAT TIME.

5. THIS REPLY REFLECTS AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE.  
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